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Title: NATURAL FORMULATION FOR THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF  
DEPRESSION, CONTAINING ST JOHN'S WORT AND DERIVATIVES OF  
DIHYDRO- AND TETRAHYDROFOLIC ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of  
the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before paragraph 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Application  
60/104,710, filed October 19, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Formulation according to claim 1 comprising a derivative of folic acid  
selected from the group consisting of 5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, tetrahydrofolic acid,  
dihydrofolic acid, 5-formyltetrahydrofolic acid, 10-formyltetrahydrofolic acid, 5, 10-  
methylenetetrahydrofolic acid and 5-methenyltetrahydrofolic acid or their suitable salts.

5. (Amended) Formulation according to claim 1 in the form of a dosage unit,  
comprising 400 to 5000 mcg of dihydro- or tetrahydrofolic acid derivatives.